

PRESIDENT OF INDIA INAUGURATES 7TH INTERNATIONAL DHARMA DHAMMA CONFERENCE IN BHOPAL

Bhopal :The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th International Dharma Dhamma Conference, organised by the India Foundation in collaboration with the Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies, in Bhopal today (March 3, 2023).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that the great banyan tree of Indian spirituality has its roots in India and its branches and vines are spread all over the world. The President said that for scholars, there are different schools of philosophy. But mystic of the world speak the same language. When realised souls decided to become compassionate teachers or gurus, their traditions came into existence. Many such traditions originated in India and have been flourishing across the world.



The President said that the concept of Dharma-Dhamma has been the basic voice of Indian consciousness. In our tradition it is said, "Dharyate anen iti dharmah" - That which supports is dharma. The entire humanity rests on the foundation stone of religion. Progress of individuals and society with the spirit of friendship, compassion and non-violence as well as free from attachment and hatred, has been the main message of Eastern

humanism. Personal conduct and social order based on morality is the practical form of Eastern humanism. It has been considered the duty of every person to preserve and strengthen such a system based on morality. The President said that Eastern humanism looks at the universe as a moral stage and not as a material battle-ground. In the building and sustaining of this moral order, every individual has to be action-oriented

and not rely on fate. Eastern humanism believes that blind impulses lead to individual fights and even wars between countries. When India proclaims on the global stage that the entire world is but one family, "V a s u d h a i v a Kutumbakam", it proclaims its commitment to eastern humanism. The President said that it is a matter of pride that religion has occupied a central place in our

country's tradition, social system and political activities since time immemorial. The deep impact of Dharma-Dhamma is clearly visible on the democratic system, we adopted after independence. Our national emblem is from the Ashoka Pillar at Sarnath. The wheel of Dharma is adorned in our national flag. Mahatma Gandhi spread the message of non-violence and compassion of Lord Buddha through his values and actions. The President said that realizing the cause of human's suffering, and showing the way to get rid of that suffering, is the characteristic of Eastern humanism, which has become more important in today's era. In our tradition of Dharma-Dhamma, the prayers for welfare of all have been a part of our lives. This is the essence of Eastern humanism.

Odisha Vigilance Unearths Rs 1 Crore Cash, 650 Gram Gold From Mines Dept Additional Director, Kin

Bhubaneswar(KCN): The Vigilance department sleuths today searched the house and other properties of Additional Director, Directorate of Mines, Umesh Chandra Jena at 13 locations in Khurda and Keonjhar districts of Odisha on the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. As many as 13 teams of the Vigilance department comprising 10 DSPs, seven inspectors and other staff searched five locations in Bhubaneswar and Jena's house at his native village at Sirisapal, the house of one of his relatives at Ghasipura, a building at Gamaharia and five other places in Keonjhar simultaneously. During



the searches, the Vigilance sleuths have unearthed Rs 1 crore in cash, 650 gram gold jewellery, one multi-storey building in Bhubaneswar, three buildings at Keonjhar, five plots in prime locations in Keonjhar district, a four-wheeler, two motorcycles, bank deposits and investments from the possession of Jena and his family members,

sources said. Jena's son has claimed that he owns as many as seven business firms while his wife claimed commission income from insurance agency. "Our officials are now verifying these claims. Further searches are on. We are also enquiring the sources of these assets of Jena and his family members," said a Vigilance officer.

5T Boost For PRM MCH



Baripada (KCN): Secretary to CM V K Pandian today visited Pandit Ragnath Murmu Medical College and Hospital. Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Shalini Pandit briefed Shri Pandian about the development and issues of PRM Medical College and Hospital.

Shri Pandian, who is on two days long visit to Mayrubhanj District went around the Medical College & Hospital to have interaction with Faculty, Students and Patients. He visited to different wards, laundry centre, OPDs, College lecture theatres and RT-PCR laboratory.

New Teaching Hospital under construction was also visited by Secretary to CM. Interaction with Faculty, Students and Patients was very fruitful. There was all round feedback and it was very positive, said a senior Faculty. With visit of 5T Secretary the PRM MCH will get 5T Boost, said he

Mantra For Innovation

Bhubaneswar(KCN): Stressing on application of Innovation and Technology for gender equality, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday said it will not only remove gender inequality but also bring a transformation in society. The Chief Minister has said this while inaugurating a week-long programme organised by the Women and Child Development department on the occasion of the International Women Day. He said that women's empowerment is not just a slogan but a reality today. The mothers of Odisha are the bearers of transformation. A huge organisation of 70 lakhs of women is transforming from SHG to SME today. Now,

mothers have embarked on a journey to become entrepreneurs, he said. "Mothers have created a special place for themselves in society with their talents and skills. They have proved that daughters are no longer a burden for the family today, but they are gems," Shri Patnaik pointed out. Speaking on the theme of the International Women Day this year "Innovation and Technology for Gender equality," he said the rights of women could be protected and the violence against women would be prevented through innovation and technology in the field of education and employment. Dedicating the day in honour of crores of women who have kept their struggle on in their



Women and Child Development department. The Mascot will work to create awareness among the young about their education, rights and in other sectors. The new child policy "Prarambha" was also unveiled on the occasion. A case study booklet based on the success story of women, MIS portal of the Ashirwad Yojana and one stop centre were also unveiled. The Chief Minister also awarded the best Anganwadi and Mission Shakti workers for their contribution to society on the occasion. Among others, Chief Secretary Pradeep Kumar Jena, and Development Commissioner Anu Garg were present on the occasion.

Understanding and Managing Gastrointestinal Emergencies is need of hour

Department of Gastroenterology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar organizes symposium to educate young and budding Doctors different Gastrointestinal Emergencies

Bhubaneswar, (KCN): Gastrointestinal emergencies constitute a major chunk of the burden of medical emergencies in any hospital. These include bleeding from the upper and lower digestive tracts, liver diseases leading to liver failure and brain dysfunction, acute pancreatitis, obstruction of the biliary tract by stones or malignancies causing jaundice, fever and sepsis, ingestion of foreign objects like coins and acute severe ulcerative colitis. Understanding and learning management

of these medical emergencies is the need of the hour, said experts on occasion of attending the one-day symposium on "What is new in Gastrointestinal Emergencies: An Evidence Based Approach" organized by the Department of Gastroenterology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar. This is the first time ever that an interactive event like this is being held under the aegis of the Department of Gastroenterology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar and in the state of Odisha. The purpose of holding this event is to



educate young and upcoming doctors, physicians and surgeons regarding the nuances of managing Gastrointestinal Emergencies in order to improve patient care at all levels of our health

system, informed Dr. Manas Kumar Panigrahi, Organizing Chairman of the symposium and Associate Prof. Dept of Gastroenterology, AIIMS Bhubaneswar. Starting from tertiary care at centers like

AIIMS Bhubaneswar, SCB Medical College, Cuttack as well as district hospitals and health centers, physicians, surgeons, gastroenterologists, doctors from other specialties, residents as

well as medical students should learn new Gastrointestinal Emergencies. Now-a-days, patients with chronic liver diseases are landing in emergencies with a variety of presentations like coma, respiratory failure and bleeding requiring prompt attention and care, stressed experts attending the symposium. Other Gastrointestinal emergencies like blood vomiting, black stool and blood in stool also put common people in a lot of confusing scenarios seeking appropriate point of

care treatment. A galaxy of experts in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from different institutes of India attending the programme emphasized on creating sensitization among different cadres of specialists. The event was graced by eminent Gastroenterologist and President AIIMS Bhubaneswar Prof. Subrat Kumar Acharya, AIIMS Bhubaneswar Medical Superintendent Dr. Dillip Kumar Parida, DEAN Dr. P R Mohapatra, Dr. Binod Kumar Patra,

Gastroenterology Department HoD Dr. S C Samal, Organizing Chairman of the symposium Dr. Manas Kumar Panigrahi, Dr. P C Dalai, MD IGKC Hospital and Co-Organizing Chairman of the symposium. AIIMS Bhubaneswar Executive Director Prof. Ashutosh Biswas congratulating the organisers wished that this symposium will provide much needed impetus to the domain of Gastrointestinal Emergency Care in the institutes of this region and the state of Odisha.

BJD Hit Streets On LPG

Bhubaneswar: As the election is nearing, the Governing BJD has become aggressive against the BJP-led Central Government. The BJD has been attacking the Government of India alleging Central negligence over reduction of funds for paddy procurement, non-release of food subsidy, non-sanction of PMAY houses and many farmers' issues. Today, the ruling party hit the streets over LPG price hike of domestic LPG cylinder. The women wing of Governing BJD has staged demonstration against LPG price hike

here before the Raj Bhawan. BJD Leader and Bhubaneswar Mayor Sulochana Das said the price of one domestic LPG cylinder (14.2 kg cylinder) has been increased from Rs. 410 in 2014 to Rs. 1129 now. However, the Odisha BJP leaders, instead of requesting their government at Centre to reduce the price, are creating law and order problems in the state, she alleged. Senior BJD Lawmaker Arun Sahoo dubbed the Ujjwala Yojana as Ujuda Yojana stating the scheme has brought tears to the eyes of the mothers and sisters of Odisha and great pain and hardship for them. Another BJD Lawmaker Soumya Ranjan Patnaik alleged that the Centre's



move to hike the LPG cylinder rates was contrary to the saffron party's slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikash." "The Central Government headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made tall promises about improving the lives of common people by launching the Ujjwala Yojana. It provided LPG cylinders to the poor, but with the frequent hikes in LPG cylinders now the poor are unable to afford cooking gas in their kitchens," he said. BJD Spokesperson Shreemayee Mishra said that the Centre was cheating the people of the country, especially the residents of Odisha by first stopping free rice to the poor and now by hiking the price of LPG cylinders. The BJD has been supporting

many of the decisions of the Centre, but it would not support the anti-people policies of the Modi Government, she said. On the other hand, continuing its protest over alleged police excess against BJYM activists, the BJP on Friday filed complaints in different police stations across the state. The BJP leaders and workers took out protest rallies in different places of the State including capital city today and lodged complaints in the police stations against the DGP, the Police Commissioner and the Bhubaneswar DCP

Rs 4 cr to be spent on renovation of 14 temples in Ekamra Kshetra: Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi



Bhubaneswar: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will spend approximately Rs 4 crore to renovate and redevelop 14 temples in Ekamra Kshetra, Bhubaneswar. All the money will be spent within the 2023-24 fiscal. Bhubaneswar MP and BJP leader Aparajita Sarangi informed this after visiting all the 14 temples in Bhubaneswar on

Friday. As per Sarangi, almost Rs 1 crore will be spent on Lingaraj Temple while Rs 25 lakh will be spent to renovate Sisupalgarh and Brahmeswar Temple, Rs 30 lakh for Bhaskareswar Temple, Rs 25 lakh for Khandagiri & Udaygiri caves and Rs 20 lakh each for the development of Rajarani temple, Sukasari temple,

Sahasralinga temple and Rameswar Temple. Similarly, Rs 33 lakh and Rs 30 lakh have been set aside for Baital temple and Parshurameswar temple, respectively. The fencing work of Papanasini tank is already underway at a cost of Rs 40 lakh. Rs 15 will be spent on the renovation of another pond nearby. Well and pond at the Kedargouri temple will

be modernised at a cost of Rs 3 lakh. Similarly, Rs 6 lakh will be spent on setting up a bio-toilet and repairing the footpath at Mukteswar temple. "14 temples in Bhubaneswar will be renovated by the Central government and all the money will be spent by the ASI. Everything has been finalised today," Sarangi said. "I spoke with the locals, devotees and the priests. The Roshaghara (Kitchen) of Lingaraj Temple needs an immediate repair including three platforms inside the temple. There are two other temples behind the Lingaraj temple buried under the soil. They need excavation," she added.

Naba Das murder case: Gopal is the sole accused who killed minister over personal vendetta, say CB sources



Bhubaneswar: Putting all speculations in the high-profile Naba Das murder case to rest, the Crime Branch (CB) sources on Friday confirmed that Gopal Das is the prime accused and he murdered the health minister over personal vendetta. The investigation into the Naba Das murder

case is in its last stage. Accused Gopal Das has confessed to having killed minister Das over personal vendetta. The Crime Branch is only verifying the veracity of Gopal Das' statement, sources added. The investigating agency is waiting for the reports of various

tests including Gopal's psycho-analysis test. These reports will probably be submitted before the court this week or the coming week. Thereafter, the CB will apply for copies of the reports, confirmed sources said. Meanwhile, it is learnt that Crime Branch ADG Arun Bothra has met Justice JP Das

several times to inform him about the progress of the investigation. It is also learnt that the Crime Branch will complete the investigation within the fixed time and file the charge sheet. After verification of Gopal's statements, it will be clear over what personal reasons he killed the minister.

MAHARISHI PLAY SCHOOL

Nurturing awareness Moulding Future

ADMISSION OPEN FOR

PLAY GROUP (2+) to Onwards

A great Place to grow @ MPS

Laugh
Play
Learn
Share

Call now for Application:

25% reservation as per RTE Act (2009)

MAHARISHI PUBLIC SCHOOL

N-3 B/14-15, IRC Village,
Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar

PH. 2558884 / 2550786 / 8984600700 (M)

E-mail : maharishipublic13@yahoo.com

Find us on
facebook.com/maharishiplayschool

FOLLOW US
ON TWITTER
twitter.com/maharishiplayschool

CLASSIFIED

CAUTION

Readers are advised to make appropriate enquiries while responding to advertisements in these columns. The Kalinga chronicle publication does not vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers. The Printer, Publisher, Editor and Owner of The Kalinga Chronicle Publications shall not be held responsible/liable for any consequences, in case such claims are found to be false.



AUTOMOBILE

SALE
Cawasik Bajaj n tiptop condition or sale
Contact: 2555326

PURCHASE
Required a Marshal/Commandor / Boleto in good condition. Contact :555763



REAL ESTATE

SALE
Flats ready for possession before Rathayatra at Puri near Seabeach for sale. Contact :9861078308

Residential plots at Pahala close to NH-5 and near Pata Railway Station, Bhubaneswar for immediate sale. Contact:0674-2556733
Residential plots at

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENT TARIFF

Classified advertisements are released daily. The normal classified advertisement is charged @ Rs. 5/- per word up to maximum number of 50 words. Any extra word will be Rs. 8/- per word. The minimum charges for any classified advertisement is Rs. 100/-. The options for bold lettering and outlining are also available and are charged @ 7/- and 10/- per word respectively. Extra charges for photographs Rs.100/-. For Box No. Rs. 100/-.

HIRE

For hiring of Car / Jeep / Bus on monthly basis. Contact : 2555763



BUSINESS

Saving 10,000/- for high return, extra earn and foreign trip opportunity, 238904001.
Independent business work from home, training in Singapore, 338014287.



MATRIMONIAL

BRIDE WANTED

Wanted bride for Chandayat Boy, 37plus, caste no bar, 0674-255763

GROOM WANTED

Wanted Groom any service / business family or a Brahmin Girl. Contact 2555226

Gohira/Chhak in front of CV Raman Engineering College beside NH-5, near Tamando. Contact :9238691168

PURCHASE

Simplex / Duplex building at BBSR contact : 9437002509

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Required Single / Double / Triple Storie North/East facing building at Puri. Contact 9437143483



TOURS & TRAVELS

We provide luxury coach buses (16,25,32,41,52 seater) for Picnic, Excursion, Marriage. Maa Santoshi Travels, Contact : 9981079437
For Luxury Passenger vehicle, Contact : Sagacity Tours & Travels, Acharya Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Ph. 2540219

WANTED

Required Driver/Peon/Attendant/ Aya

Please Contact-8984600400

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Required double/Single/ Multi storied Bungalow type North or East Facing independent building At- Nayapalli, Jayadev Vihar, V.S.S. Nagar, Mancheswar, Rasulgarh, Sallashree Vihar, Niladri Vihar.

Please Contact- 8338870595

Sushmita Sen says she underwent angioplasty after suffering heart attack

Bollywood star Sushmita Sen on Thursday said she suffered a heart attack a couple of days ago and underwent angioplasty.

In an Instagram post, the "Aarya" actor said the cardiologist inserted a stent in her heart during the surgery.

"Keep your heart happy & courageous, and it'll stand by you when you need it the most' (Wise words by my father @sensubir).

"I suffered a heart attack a couple of days back. Angioplasty done. Stent in place and most importantly, my cardiologist reconfirmed 'I do have a big heart'," Sen, 47, wrote.

The former Miss Universe said there are a lot of people to thank for



their "timely aid & constructive action", something she will reserve for another social media post.

"This post is just to keep you (my well wishers & loved ones)

informed of the good news that all is well & I am ready for some life again! I love you guys beyond! #godisgreat," she added.

Soon after she broke the news on social

media, her fans and well-wishers swamped the comment section with red heart emoticons and get well-soon messages for the 'Biwi No. 1' actor.

"OMG! Take care of yourself! Good to know

that you are doing well now! Much love to you always," a fan wrote.

Another user wrote, "Glad to know you're doing better, wishing you a very speedy recovery, See you super

soon mumma.."

Actor Sophie Choudry wrote, "Omg... sending you love and light... I know both you and your heart will be stronger than eve."

A fan commented, "Omg what a news, look after yourself. You are an inspiration to millions love and light."

On the work front, Sushmita is all set to play the role of transgender activist Gauri Sawant in a new web series titled 'Taali'.

Sen was recently shooting for the third season of her acclaimed Disney+ Hotstar series "Aarya". She was diagnosed with the autoimmune condition called Addison's disease in 2014.

SRK's wife Gauri Khan in legal trouble as FIR registered against her over property issue



Gauri Khan, a well-known interior designer and Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's wife, has found herself in legal trouble as an FIR has been registered against her, here.

The FIR, which has been registered under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) section 409 (criminal breach of trust), was

registered at the Sushant Golf City police station in Lucknow.

The managing director of Tulsiyani Construction and Development Limited, Anil Kumar Tulsiyani, the director, Mahesh Tulsiyani, and the brand ambassador, Gauri Khan, have all been named in the FIR.

They have been accused of not delivering a flat to a buyer even after receiving payment of approximately Rs 86 lakhs.

Kirat Jaswant Shah, a resident of Mumbai, has filed the complaint, claiming that he had paid the entire amount for the flat, but had not been handed over possession.

The flat in question is located in the Tulsiani Golf View project in the Sushant Golf City area of Lucknow.

The buyer alleges that Gauri Khan's promotion of the project influenced his decision to buy the flat. She's considered among one of the best interior designers in Bollywood and has decorated the houses of many celebrities like Sidharth Malhotra, Farah Khan, Ranbir Kapoor and Jacqueline Fernandez, among others.

This FIR against Gauri comes at a time when her husband Shah Rukh has been basking in the success of his recent blockbuster 'Pathaan'. Helmed by Siddharth Anand, the action-packed movie breached the Rs 500 crore net in Hindi within a month of its release and has crossed the Rs 1000 crore worldwide.

Sara Ali Khan In Delhi To Shoot For 'Murder Mubarak', To Share Screen With Karisma Kapoor

Actress Sara Ali Khan is currently in Delhi for the shoot of her film 'Murder Mubarak'. Taking to Instagram, Sara dropped a video from the sets. In the video, she is seen giving a close-up of the sunset. We can also see a woman holding the film's clapperboard.

"All my favourite things... Delhi-Heart of India," she simply captioned the post. Homi Adajania is directing the film. Sara will be seen sharing screen space with Karisma Kapoor in the film.

A few days ago, Karisma shared the clapperboard from the movie set on her Instagram feed. The film is directed by 'Cocktail' fame Homi Adajania. She has not divulged much details about the movie.



Besides 'Murder Mubarak', fans will see Karisma in the upcoming drama series Brown, directed by Abhinay Deo. Backed by Zee Studios, the noir show is based on the book the City of Death by Abheek Barua. Brown revolves around Rita Brown, an alcoholic cop, who

forms an unlikely alliance with a widower with survivor's guilt to solve the murder of a young girl. Brown also features Helen, Soni Razdan, Surya Sharma, and K K Raina, among others. Speaking of Sara's other projects, she will be seen in director Laxman Utekar's next untitled

romantic drama film alongside actor Vicky Kaushal. She also has 'Gaslight' with Vikrant Massey and Chitrangada Singh, and Karan Johar's next 'Ae Watan Mere Watan' in which she will play a brave freedom fighter in a fictional tale set against the backdrop of the Quit India Movement in 1942.

'Veere Di Wedding 2' In Making? Rhea Kapoor's Cryptic Post Excites Fans

Filmmaker Rhea Kapoor, on Thursday, hinted at the sequel to her film 'Veere Di Wedding' with a cryptic post. Taking to Instagram, Rhea wrote, "I never thought I was a sequel kinda girl but maybe I am." Although Rhea hasn't clearly revealed what she meant by the post. Helmed by Shashanka Ghosh 'Veere Di Wedding' was released in the year 2018 and starred Kareena Kapoor Khan, Swara Bhaskar, Sonam Kapoor and Shikha Talsania in the lead roles. Produced by Rhea Kapoor, the film was declared a hit.

Speculations around the 'Veere Di Wedding' sequel were circulating on social media for a very long time. Although official confirmation of the film is still awaited.

Meanwhile, Rhea will be next producing an upcoming comedy film titled 'The Crew' which stars Kareena Kapoor Khan, Tabu, Kriti Sanon and Diljit Dosanjh in the lead roles.

As per a statement, 'The Crew' is touted as a laugh-riot, set against the backdrop of the struggling airline industry. Three women, work and hustle to make it in life. However, their destinies lead to some unwarranted situations and they get caught in a web of lies.

The official release date of the film is still not announced.



SDG Monitoring with OSIF 2.0



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik has launched Odisha SDG Indicator Framework (2.0). The first version of OSIF was launched in 2019 with 367 indicators. The OSIF 2.0 has 311 indicators. The OSIF 2.0 will be the backbone of SDG monitoring in Odisha. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted on 5th September 2015 with a resolute global unanimity, and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with 169 Targets laid out the new epochal human aspirations. The SDGs essentially made room for bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world onto a sustainable and resilient path' with no one left behind. It set off a collective journey to free humanity from the tyranny of poverty and deprivation and to 'heal and secure our planet'.

The SDGs expanded from the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and comprehensively integrated social, economic and

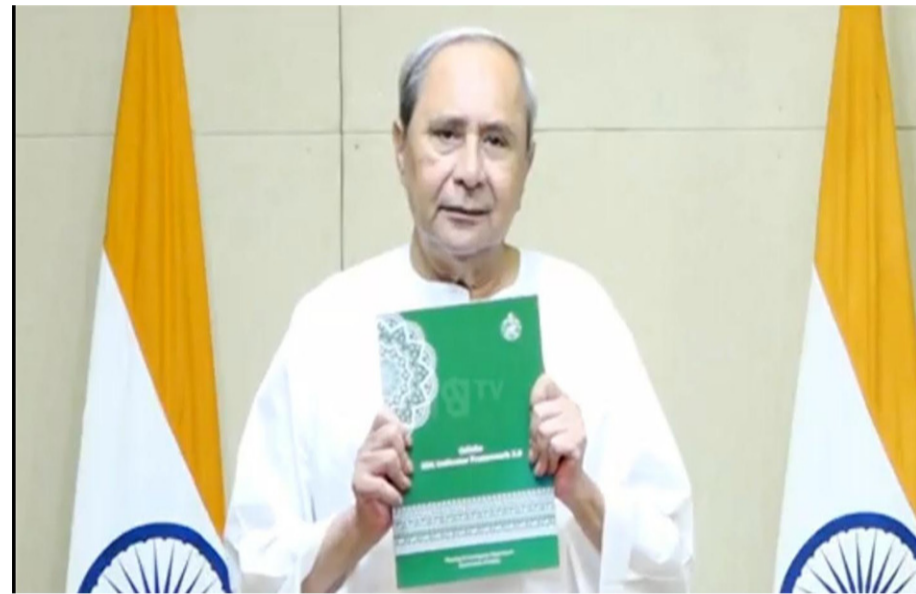
environmental dimensions of development including reducing inequalities, greening economic growth, providing decent jobs, enabling sustainable industrialization, tackling climate change and ecosystems, strengthening sustainable consumption and production as well as promoting peace, providing justice and building strong institutions. Unlike the MDGs, which were focused on developing countries, the SDGs apply to all countries whether high, middle or low income. One of the most fundamental challenges posed by the SDGs relate to the measurement of progress. Along with the number of Goals and Targets (the MDGs had only 8 goals and 21 targets), complexity of these targets has greatly increased.

The scope of the 2030 Agenda is also far more encompassing than that of its predecessor, as it spans the full spectrum of development concerns including aspects of social, economic, environmental, and institutional sustainability. In view of the ambition and complexity inherent in the SDG targets, measurement of progress on them poses an 'unprecedented statistical challenge'. A key tool to address this challenge is a sound SDG indicator

framework. In this direction, the international statistical community developed the Global Indicator Framework (GIF) which comprises 231 indicators.

The focus of SDG monitoring is at the national level as the 2030 Agenda is nationally owned and country-led, with full freedom for each country to design and pursue customised national framework for achieving the SDGs. Accordingly, at the country level, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has devised and periodically updated the National Indicator Framework (NIF) constituted of indicators that are considered best suited to track India's progress towards sustainable development. Thus, the NIF indicators are based on nationally appropriate criteria, respond to national development agenda and priorities, and refer to comparable datasets available across States and Union Territories (UTs). As per MoSPI, 2022, the NIF version 4.0 contains 286 indicators. For the SDGs to be achieved at the country level, they must be achieved at the

State/UT level and therefore, national monitoring must be ably complemented by that at the State/UT level. Such an approach has been fostered by both MoSPI and NITI Aayog. State level monitoring plays an important role in promoting and strengthening localisation of SDGs



along with knowledge sharing and mutual learning.

The world of data is constantly in flux. The need for revision of the OSIF has arisen due to the following reasons. The NIF has been modified several times by MoSPI, GoI after the 1st edition was approved in 2019. Similarly, the indicators chosen for NITI Aayog's SDG India Index have change every year. Hence, modifications

were necessary in the OSIF. Since 2019, various new data have emerged both at State and district levels through research and related interventions which can be used to better understand progress. Therefore, a detailed review of the OSIF was undertaken and areas of

modification identified. A revised OSIF was developed and shared with departments of Government of Odisha. An iterative and participatory process of consultation was continued with the departments with a view to generating shared clarity about the conceptual and metadata details of the indicators, identifying

sources of data and ensuring their authenticity and validity. Confirming the consistency and periodicity of data availability, Exploring the extent of disaggregation of data, Understanding and establishing the channels of data flow, and Establishing responsibility and accountability for data flow. After the process

was completed, all inputs were consolidated into the OSIF 2.0 which also includes State-specific indicators/metrics in order to address unique priorities and issues of the State. Thus the OSIF 2.0 comprises 311 indicators of which 293 are Unique Indicators and 18 repeat indicators. While all these indicators are statistics to measure

performance on the ground, they significantly differ by their types, whether Outcome, Output or Process Indicators. Outcome indicators tell us about results in terms of overall changes that affect the quality of life of people served. On the other hand, the Output indicators tell us about the goods, services, knowledge, skills, attitudes and enabling environment that are created or delivered by virtue of activities undertaken. Differently focused, the Process indicators throw light on strategic aspects of implementation of interventions which are crucial to generating desired outputs or outcomes.

Wherever the outputs or outcomes are long in coming or sound data on them are difficult to obtain, process indicators are resorted to. Process indicators help track time sensitivities in the process low.

The OSIF 2.0 will be the backbone of SDG monitoring in Odisha. The use of OSIF 2.0 indicators will turn the SDGs and associated targets from a conceptual framework into an

effective management tool to help the State analyse performance and allocate resources accordingly. It could also be used to periodically measure progress towards SDG targets and help ensure accountability of all stakeholders. The OSIF 2.0 will play a significant role in interlinking outcomes across the different SDGs. Further, mapping of schematic linkages with goals, targets and indicators can be drawn up based on the expected long-term results of schemes. Collectively, as well as individually, the indicators are expected to throw light on the status of various social groups, which will help highlight the extent of vulnerability and the success in addressing them. This is in keeping with the spirit of the SDGs which enjoins that all attempts are made to ensure that no one is left behind. Each department and user can prioritise such relevant indicators while also using OSIF 2.0 for long term monitoring. Going forward, therefore, the most direct and important use of OSIF 2.0 is in SDG monitoring at the State level.

Economist, Bhubaneswar

Reflection of the struggle between “doubt” and “faith” in the Victorian society.



Naureen Ahmed & Saikat Kumar Basu

dilemma of religion and science becomes the pivotal point in In Memoriam.

In the very first stanza of In Memoriam A. H. H. O B I I T M D C C C X X X I I I : [Prelude], Tennyson began to voice in favour of Christianity and the status quo of his contemporary society. “By faith, and faith alone, embrace/ Believing where we cannot prove” expresses his inclination towards faith. The word ‘prove’ echoes the essence of On the Origin of Species which hits the very concept that man is the product of evolution and not the creation of God. His poem essentially captures the contemporary tension between doubt and faith where he takes his chance to voice for the supremacy of faith in God. “Thou wilt not leave us in dust” throws light on his desperate attempt to establish God as the benevolent father

of mankind at the face of the hard hitting scientific inventions pertaining to life and creation.

Standing in the contemporary society where knowledge was keenly empirical in nature and a clear distinct dichotomy between faith and knowledge was prevalent, his beauty lies in the amalgamation of the two apparently distinct poles. He calls for the perfect harmony of the mind and soul. He believed that the perfect synchronization of the mind and soul could produce a beautiful tune which would then influence man to be all the more faithful to God.

In Memoriam A. H. H.: 56 apparently seems to capture the internal tug of war between faith and doubt in the interiors of Tennyson. However a close analysis of the phrase, “fruitless prayer” and the lines, “Thou Nature, red in tooth and claw/ With ravine, shriek'd against his creed-“

would capture the image of Christ in The Second Coming and that of Nature who is feasting over the corpse seems to portray the helplessness of man being caught in the web where the word of Christ will serve as the light of hope and freedom. He extends on the line of thought evident in, “Thou wilt not leave us in the dust.” He believes that a challenge to the existence of God will decrease the grandiose rationality of man and he will there after brood as a discretion less being and eventually be led to lead a life which is empty and hollow. He urges God to uplift man from the seat of confusion that man is breathing and breeding in. He yawns to hear the voice of God to be directed towards salvation.

In Memoriam A. H. H. Orbit M D C C C X X X I I I : Part 120 the shift of tone from personal to impersonal is distinctly visible. The moral purpose behind his

endeavour becomes clear as a crystal. His detest over the obsession of reason behind living becomes sharp. He takes a swipe at the empiricists. He mocks at the shallow approach towards life and science. His view towards living which is more than mere science is distinct in, “Not only cunning casts in clay.” He sprinkles passing reference on Darwin (apes) in the lyric which throws light on the fact that he is aware of the contemporary actions. He acknowledges the presence of science to deny its significance in his life. In other words, he acknowledges darkness to establish the supremacy of light, for God is the light in the darkness of confusion for Tennyson.

Student, PG Dept of English, Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata, West Bengal
Saikat Kumar Basu :Kolkata, West Bengal India

Letter To Editor

Sir

Present day Voters are no more the ones who were gullible, easy -to- be exploited type and a could- be- beguiled lot but have taken to serious thinking before casting the vote. They have started to show their likes and dislikes and that too diligently while choosing their candidate.

The grand victory by the BJP and it's alliances in the North eastern states shows that people are ready to support if they find leaders and the party or alliance they support are ready to voice for the commoners.

The ruling party will have to fulfill the hopes and promises given by them to the people at a war footing . As for the congress it's yet again time for them to learn lessons seriously. They have to understand that 'yatras' , 'pilgrimage' during election times and freebies will never win the hearts of voters. A strong panel of trustworthy ,hardworking, out of the box thinking leaders to cooperate and coordinate is the need of the hour . Wrong alliances eyeing on vote bank, hollow rhetorics , antics and gimmicks are definitely things of the past .

M PRADYU KANNUR
Geeth thalikavu kannur 670001.

God stands as the essence of Meta narrative. He stands at the crux and justifies every narrative. To create order and decorum in the society the concept of God bloomed. However a parallel blossom of a hierarchical structure could be traced simultaneously. As pointed out by Ferdinand de Saussure, every argument has a counter argument. Therefore if there is God then the presence of Satan is inevitable- stretching to the presence of doubt at the face of faith. The contemporary society in which Tennyson breathed, the pendulum oscillated between science and religion.

Every time the pendulum swunged, it blew the fume of confusion around.

Science entered the throne as a boon for some, as a catalyst that infused the seeds of doubt in some and fir some it stood as a test that drawn them to closure to God. Specifically in terms of Tennyson, Science was the binary that he acknowledged only to contrast and highlight the supremacy of the benevolence of God which might spring out of his own reverence to God and his inclination towards the morals and principles he was brought up with or due to his socio-political status.

In his magnum opus, In Memoriam, Tennyson turns his personal elegy into a pastoral elegy. His lament for the loss of his beloved friend Arthur Henry Hallam stretched into a lament for the decay of the standard values he grew up with. The

BJP's victory campaign continues, historic victory in Northeast: Pareeka Suresh

New Delhi(KCN) :Expressing his happiness over the spectacular performance of the BJP in the assembly elections in the 3 northeastern states of Nagaland, Tripura and Meghalaya, BJP National Member IT & Media, Social Media, OBC Perika Suresh said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's nationalist policies and welfare of the people The result of the development works being carried out for the BJP is that today the BJP wave is going on all over India. Mr. Suresh said that Tripura, The



sweep of the opponents in Meghalaya and Nagaland has been cleared and the BJP is going to form the government with a huge majority in all the three states. He said that this is the

Nagaland and Tripura, the NDA alliance has got a huge majority, while in Meghalaya NPP government will be formed with the cooperation of BJP. It is the result of the policies of the Modi government. BJP has captured 6 out of 8 states of the Northeast. The Congress and the Left dominated the Northeast. Today both of them have come to the margins and the saffron flag is being hoisted everywhere. Mr. Suresh said that this time also in Telangana there is a big change of power and the BJP

government will come to power with majority. At the same time, it is certain that the BJP coalition government will be formed in Kerala as well. After lakhs of propaganda by the opposition parties People are also with Modi ji and BJP's victory caravans is increasing continuously. He said that the public is fed up with the anti-people government of Telangana and in the upcoming assembly elections, the Modi factor and the efficient leadership of JP Nadda will enthrone the BJP in Telangana with a huge majority.



The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari being received by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy at the Global Investors Summit 2023 being held at Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh

GOA Favors IREDA Pact 4-Lane Highways To Connect All Andhra Pradesh Ports: Nitin Gadkari



Panaji: Dr.Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa has advised the Departments and Agencies of the State Government to sign an Memorandum Of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) for faster development of Renewable Energy in Goa.

Dr.Sawant was addressing the "CII Goa Conference on Clean Renewable Energy" in Panaji today. Addressing the conference, CM Dr.Sawant appreciated IREDA's innovative approach for not only understanding the sectoral requirements for faster Renewable Energy (RE) development, but also the qualitative

Governance enabled by IREDA in the RE Sector. IREDA handed over the draft MoU to the State Government today, and the final MoU is expected to be signed shortly. Shri Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), IREDA, participated in a panel discussion on "Green Finance" in the "CII Goa Conference on

Clean Renewable Energy". Shri Das emphasised the significance of green finance and the need to focus on innovative financing mechanisms to accelerate the deployment of new and emerging Renewable Energy technologies such as Green Hydrogen, Green Ammonia, E-Mobility, Offshore Wind, etc.

Vishakhapatnam: All ports in Andhra Pradesh will be connected with four-lane highways at a cost of ₹ 20,000 crore, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said here on Friday. Speaking at the Global Investors Summit (GIS), Nitin Gadkari declared that these port connectivity enhancing roads will be built irrespective of a port being a minor, major port, private or state port. The passing of three industrial corridors, Visakhapatnam - Chennai, Chennai - Bengaluru and

Hyderabad - Bengaluru, through the state has been crucial for this decision. Noting that road infrastructure in AP is very important, he said, "I always tell people about the famous statement of American President John Kennedy that American roads are not good because America is rich but Americans roads are good." Recalling his days as a shipping minister, Gadkari observed that transporting goods between Chhattisgarh and Visakhapatnam used to be a difficult task, and decided to construct Raipur -

Visakhapatnam expressway corridor, which will slash travel time to five-and-half hours after. Moreover, Nitin Gadkari said a 430 km project connecting Nagpur and Vijayawada will also be commenced. According to the Road Transport and Highway Minister, the cost of logistics at 16 percent is a big problem in India, which he vowed to bring down. He noted that it was 10 percent in China and 12 percent each in the United States of America and the European Union (EU). Nitin Gadkari assured that the cost of logistics will be reduced in five

years' time. Likewise, he said the Road Transport and Highways Ministry is in the process of making electric highways and termed hydrogen as the 'fuel of future.' He said the Ministry is checking the feasibility of laying optic-fibre cables on the road side, piloting between Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Further, he said that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is concentrating on the development of greenfield expressways, which are key for industrial development and added that no one will invest without these.

On Rahul Gandhi's "Snooping" Allegation, BJP's "Hallucination" Retort

New Delhi: The BJP on Friday made light of Rahul Gandhi's allegation that he was being snooped upon, saying that the Congress leader was "hallucinating" and makes such claims as he wants to create headlines wherever he goes. "What we can say for Rahul Gandhi's hallucinations. If he makes his (Congress) MoU with China public, we will be interested and people of India will also like to know. Who is interested in his telephonic conversations," BJP spokesperson Tom Vadakkan told reporters. During a lecture at Cambridge University, Mr Gandhi alleged that

Indian democracy is under threat and several politicians, including himself, are under surveillance. "A large number of political leaders have Pegasus on their phones. I myself had Pegasus on my phone. I've been called by intelligence officers who say please be careful of what you say on the phone as we are recording the stuff," the former Congress chief has claimed. Mr Vadakkan noted that the Supreme Court has closed the Pegasus matter. He added that Gandhi had not even given his mobile phone for inspection during the inquiry, directed by the Supreme Court, into the Pegasus issue. What was he so



scared to hide, the BJP spokesperson asked. "Why is he not raising questions about the attack on Indians abroad. It has happened in Canada

and Australia. The issue is he wants to create headlines wherever he goes and in that process, he loses votes in India because people of India have woken

up," he said. Mr Vadakkan, a Christian leader from Kerala, also hailed the BJP's performance in assembly polls in three northeastern states, noting that

minorities have voted for the party. "The victory of the BJP in the northeast is a blow to the divisive politics, the Congress and the CPI (M) is poisoning the people with. Their agenda is to keep the minorities and the tribals away from the BJP by their hate campaigns, but this has blown on their own face," he said. "The BJP believes in development, and development has no religion. We have got victory in the northeast because the minority believes in the BJP, in development," the spokesperson said. This is the mantra of Prime Minister Narendra Modi everywhere and he does not merely

make speeches but delivers, and it has been seen with the boost in infrastructure, gas and water connections, and several other facilities, he said. Mr Vadakkan claimed that Mr Gandhi may work for an alliance between the Congress and the Left in Kerala to save his Wayanad seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and check the internal squabbling within the Congress due to the presence of several factions headed by many chief ministerial aspirants. Both parties have a common interest in stalling criminal cases about gold smuggling and

National Herald, he said. He also accused Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge of "insulting" the people of the northeast by describing the polls there as "small state" elections. It was done to cover up the bitter defeat the Congress had to swallow in the elections, the BJP leader said. Such remarks have exposed the hypocrisy of the Congress, he said. "The Congress has given second class treatment to the northeast for years, and it was finally after 2014, that the peace and development started flourishing in the region," Mr Vadakkan added.

3003 CR For Health Infra

Bhubaneswar: Odisha has witnessed incredible transformation in Health Sector in the last two decades and the State stands tall as an Achiever State in the country. Niranjana Pujari, Minister Health & Family Welfare said with the highest decline in Infant Mortality Rate in the country between 2005 to 2020 (SRS); 2nd highest point decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in the country between 2015-17 to 2018-20 (SRS); highest Immunization Coverage in the country (90.5%: NFHS-5); highest decline of 94% in Malaria in the country; second rank in the country for TB reduction; and a record Institutional delivery of 92.2% (NFHS-5). Shri Pujari was briefing the Media here on the highlights of H&FW Department on the Budget 2023-24 Financial Year.

Secretary Health & Family Welfare Shalini Pandit and other senior officials were present during the Media Briefing. Sri Pujari said that the COVID management in our state, driven by the clarion call 'Every life is Precious' of the Chief Minister, received worldwide recognition and appreciation. Despite the lockdown, the State scaled up Oxygen production facilities not only to meet our own requirement but also supplied to many other states facing a severe shortage of Oxygen, enabling them to save large number of lives. The impact of 5T initiatives on healthcare development of the state is clearly visible on the ground, from transforming the SCB Medical College & Hospital into an AIIMS Plus category hospital to introducing BSKY



Smart Health Cards to launching Mukhya Mantri Bayu Swasthya Seva (air health services). A total sum of Rs.16,048 crore has been proposed for public health care, which is an increase of about 27 percent over previous year and about 3 times of the allocation in 2017-18. It amounts to 7 percent of the State Budget. This includes provision of Rs.3,725 crore under Administrative Expenditure and Rs.12,031 crore under

Program Expenditure under Health and Family Welfare Department. The provision under Program Expenditure has been substantially increased by 33% over the Budget Estimates, 2022-23. 'Health Care for All' has been the guiding principle of our Government while formulating the Budget for 2023-24. It has been the dream of the Hon. Chief Minister to upgrade public health facilities to the standard of the best private hospitals.

A new scheme has been introduced under Health Sector AMA Hospital which has an ambitious target to transform 147 health facilities in a record period of 9 months, with an outlay of Rs. 750 crores in the Budget Estimates for 2023-24. Under this scheme the Physical Health Infrastructure, basic patient amenities and service delivery system in the public health facilities, i.e. Community Health

Centres, Sub-District Hospitals and District Head Quarter Hospitals will be upgraded. It is the goal of the Government to ensure that all public health facilities have required numbers of doctors and paramedics. Towards this end, nearly 4000 doctors have been recruited in the last 5 years alone, and over 5000 doctors are expected to be recruited in 2023-24. Regarding the Medical College in the State, Shalini Pandit, Secretary, H&FW Department said that the State is laying much emphasis on creation and expansion of health care infrastructure across the State. In the past 6 years, the State has established 7 new medical colleges at Balasore, Baripada, Bolangir, Koraput, Puri, Keonjhar and Sundergarh, and 2 new Post Graduate Institutes at Acharya Harihar

Cancer hospital, Cuttack and Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar. In 2023-24, it is planned to make the Kalahandi medical college functional, followed by Talcher, Phulbani and Jajpur in subsequent phases. For infrastructure development, an amount of Rs.3,003 crore have been proposed in the BE, 2023-24 under the State Scheme Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Seva Mission, which includes Rs.1400 crore for SCB Redevelopment Programme. Additionally, Rs.71 crore has been provided towards Diet, Rs.646 crore towards outsourcing of services for security, sanitation, laundry and maintenance under NIRMAL and Rs.110 crore towards Equipment in the BE for 2023-24. The 108 Ambulance Services was launched by the

Government in 2012-13 to provide emergency transportation service to critically ill patients. The present Average Response Time of 108 ambulance service across the country is about 30 minutes. Keeping in mind the motto of the Chief Minister that, 'Every Life is Precious', the Government has undertaken an ambitious target of reducing the Average Response Time of 108 ambulances from 30 minutes to 20 minutes. Accordingly it is proposed to induct 236 new Ambulances into the fleet, for which a budgetary provision of Rs.250 crore has been proposed in the Budget Estimate, 2023-24. For implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Rs. 2,289 crore has been provided in the BE, 2023-24.

Devkund Tourism On Cards

Baripada: One of the beautiful, serene and religious centers, Devkund in Mayurbhanj will be developed as a Major Tourist Center, thanks to the initiative of V K Pandian, Secretary to CM. Devkund is famous for Reigning Deity of Mayurbhanj, Maa Ambika and its water fall that falls from the top of the hill.



Devkund means the bathtub of Gods and Goddesses. So this place is very important for Hindu culture peoples, as they believe that it the bathing place of their Gods and Goddess, so by touching this water they get blessings of their God and Goddess.

Devkund is situated at 60 km from the main town of Baripada and 85 km from Balasore district. Devkund is going through in Udala division. It is a natural beauty of Odisha and Similipal National park is near it.

Secretary to Chief Minister VK Pandian visited Devkund today. ACS Tourism Surendra Kumar was also present. They discussed with the

officials and local public regarding development of Devkund as a major tourist attraction. Then Shri Pandian asked the District Administration to consult with all stakeholders and send a proposal to Tourism Department for redevelopment. The State Government is taking up redevelopment of major heritage tourism sites of the state under its 5T transformation program. Shri Pandian then visited Bhimkund and interacted with the tourists and local people. He asked the Officials of the Department of Tourism and District Administration to prepare a proposal for improvement of infrastructure and

provision of amenities for tourists. He also emphasized on starting various activities for tourists. He then proceeded to Khiching in Sukruli Block and visited the Maa Khichakeshwari Temple and interacted with Sevayats and other stakeholders to receive suggestions from them on various aspects of transformation of the temple and the museum. As per the discussion, the Tourism Department and District Administration will prepare a proposal for redevelopment. He then visited Jashipur where he visited the site of the proposed Khairi-Bhandhan Irrigation Project. The project will provide irrigation to 9,400 hectares of land in

Jashipur, Sukruli and Raruan Blocks. He then visited the Samadhi of Pandit Raghunath Murmu in Dandbose, Rairangpur and interacted with members of the Santhal community. He assured them that site will be developed as per the aspirations of the local people. He also assured them that their other demands will be placed before government for positive consideration. Finally, he visited Bada Bandha in Rairangpur Municipality and took stock of the development works which are being taken up there. He asked the Municipality officials to submit a detailed proposal for further development of the pond.

Odisha: Notorious Criminal Held After Police Encounter In Cuttack

Cuttack: The Commissionerate Police managed to arrest a notorious criminal after he sustained bullet injuries in an encounter in the Silver City here today.

Injured criminal Deepak Nayak alias Shankar of Ranihat Gopalsahi has been admitted to SCB Medical College and Hospital here, said a police officer. On receipt of reliable information regarding possession and transportation of firearm by Nayak, a special squad of the Commissionerate Police intercepted him at Bhuasuni Gada at around 8.30 pm, said Deputy



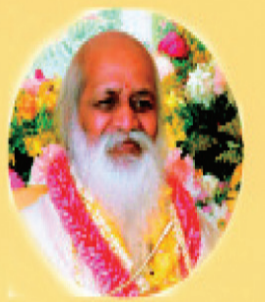
Commissioner of Police (DCP) Pinak Mishra. Nayak opened fire on police with and intention to kill the personnel and tried to escape, he said. "Our officials resorted to controlled firing for their self defence. Nayak

sustained bullet injuries in his left leg in the exchange of fire. Nayak is a history-sheeter," said the DCP. A gun and ammunition have been seized from Nayak, he added. Nayak was involved in the murder of pulses

trader Mohammed Farooq in Malgodown area of the city in November 2014, sources said. He was also involved in several other crimes including illegal arms trade in Cuttack city, they added.



2023-2024



ADMISSION OPEN

Maharishi Public School, Baripada

STD-NURSERY TO VIII

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY

(Special discount for new admission before 15.03.2023)

Find the Difference

- Small Classes
- Experienced, trained & loving teachers.
- Individual attention to each child.
- Regular meditation and yoga.
- Unique exam system, evaluation & Principles etc.

25% reservation as per RTE Act (2009)

MAHARISHI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Baghra Road, Baripada

For details

Contact :

Call-9438102188, 06792-255227

Time : 8.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon

E-mail- mps.bpd@gmail.com



Find us on

Facebook.com/Mps, Baripada

IIFL Home Finance launches India's first handbook for affordable green housing

New Delhi: India's leading home loan company, IIFL Home Finance has launched India's first handbook for affordable green housing to provide consumers, builders and the construction ecosystem with a definitive framework for building green homes.

The handbook conceived by IIFL and renowned architect Mr Ashok Lall was recently launched at a virtual event attended by leaders from the industry regulator, corporates, funds and socially responsible housing community.

Speaking at launch, Mr S.K. Hota, MD, National Housing Bank, the housing finance sector regulator said, "The need of the hour is to take green buildings to residential housing and more particularly to the ones in affordable

housing segment. It is a myth that green housing is only for the premium segment and is not viable for the affordable housing segment."

Mr S Sridhar, Chairman, IIFL Housing Finance Ltd said, "Our vision is to mainstream sustainable housing and by sustainable housing we mean green affordable housing in India." Mr Monu Ratra, CEO, IIFL Home Finance, who has been a pioneer through his green housing in India and brain behind this book said, "Books last forever and this handbook is our contribution towards sustainable affordable housing in India."

IIFL Home Finance has already been propagating the idea of affordable green housing in India, through 'Kutumb' and addressing issues of financing,

technical know-how and creating a common platform for solution. With the intent of reducing carbon footprint and supporting climate action in the long-run, IIFL Home Finance provides extensive support from inception to delivery of the project through their highly skilled technical team of 'Green Value Partner'. Considering the housing needs of a billion plus population, green affordable housing is the only way forward to prevent climate crisis while ensuring social impact. Appreciating, IIFL Home Finance's efforts, Susan Olsen, Senior Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions, South Asia-ADB said, "We need to find more companies like IIFL Home Finance Ltd. who have the vision to support green affordable housing construction."

Green Housing to attract investments and support climate action

New Delhi: With increased focus on climate action globally, finance institutions and funds across the world are recalibrating their financing and investment strategy and providing higher allocation to businesses that have adopted sustainable approaches.

Mr N Srinivasan, MD and Head of South Asia, CDC Group said, "If we are not following the lines of green agenda, global institutions will not invest in the country." Agreeing to Mr Srinivasan's views, Mr Nirmal Jain, Founder and Chairman of IIFL Group said, "Investment will automatically flow to the private sector if they ensure green and sustainable development in India and housing is a major part of it."

In this context the role of the housing sector becomes extremely important as the construction industry is one of the biggest consumers of non-

renewable resources. Even after completion, most buildings continue to be responsible for huge CO2 emissions. Buildings in India already accounts for more than 30% of India's electricity use, and two-thirds of the buildings that will exist in India by 2030 are yet to be built. There is a sizable opportunity in pre-empting these consequences considering that much of this growth in floor spaces. Mr R Venkataraman, MD, IIFL Finance said, "This is why green construction is so important. To quantify the benefits, green construction has potential to reduce global CO2 emission by as much as 84 gigatonnes by 2050."

Mr Sean Kidney, CEO, Climate Bonds initiative said, "We need to grow, expand, promote and ensure appropriate labeling scales that address the performance of built in environment, to ensure sustainable development and reverse climate change."

OYO to cover COVID-19 vaccination costs for employees and families in India

Bhubaneswar : OYO Hotels & Homes, the world's leading technology and revenue growth platform for small hotels and homeowners, today announced that it would be covering vaccination costs for all employees in India and their families, across locations and levels. OYO India employees and their family members will benefit from this as they can choose to get the vaccination done at any centre convenient to them and the costs would be reimbursed in full by OYO. Additionally, the company has also enhanced the insurance benefit of employees to include a COVID-19

home care cover. With the aim to build a healthier, diverse, inclusive and productive workforce, OYO has been revising and adding new employees policies year-on-year keeping employee wellbeing at the forefront. The company was one of the first Indian start-ups to announce a 5-day work week and is now offering its employees a host of benefits including free annual health checks, 24x7 doctor consultation, one-on-one counselling sessions and other services such as a COVID-19 test booking, online medicines ordering facilities and more. In addition, the company also added a

psychiatric cover and an increased maternity cover. Speaking about the recent announcements, Dinesh Ramamurthi, Chief Human Resources Officer - OYO Hotels & Homes said, "It's encouraging to see the pace of the immunisation drive in India, we're all trying our best to win the fight against COVID-19. As part of our commitment to keep our employees and their families safe and show our gratitude to them, we are happy to facilitate the cost of their COVID-19 vaccinations. We encourage employees to take the vaccine after reading up about its benefits and making an informed decision."

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's Women-Only Cybersecurity Conference ShaktiCon to begin April 9

Bhubaneswar: More than 3,000 women hackers from India and around the world are expected to attend Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's three-day global conference on cybersecurity called ShaktiCon that begins on April 9, 2021. In the run-up to the event, a 36-hour, women-only Capture the Flag (CTF) contest would be held from April 3-5, 2021, in which contestants will face challenges from the fields of cryptography, reversing, forensics, Pwn and web exploitation.

ShaktiCon is a completely free global conference focused on inspiring, training, and upskilling women in the field of cybersecurity. It offers training programmes to nurture women talent in the field, a global cyber-security conference with talks and panel discussions by leading women professionals in cybersecurity, and a women-only CTF hacking contest to showcase talent and win prizes and scholarships. The event is organized by Team Shakti, India's first and

top-ranked women-only CTF team of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. The pre-conference global cybersecurity contest held in December 2020 attracted more than 1,500 women hackers with 828 teams from five continents. The participants, which have now grown to more than 3,000 women, received free access to premium learning platforms such as TryHackMe and PentesterLabs, practice challenges and training videos. They will be attending the upcoming ShaktiCon conference and participating in the CTF hacking contest.

Said Prof. Vipin Pavithran, Assistant Professor, Amrita Center for Cybersecurity Systems & Networks, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, who is the organizer of ShaktiCon: "Cybersecurity is considered a masculine domain and most women don't see it as a viable career path. The cybersecurity industry needs more women, and also has to open up for them. Demand is

outstripping supply in this field. In the next five years, the number of jobs in cybersecurity will triple. Over 3.5 million new cybersecurity jobs would be created in 2021 alone. Despite this, women comprise only 20% of the total workforce in cybersecurity, and only 1% of them are in top leadership positions. The future of the cybersecurity industry depends on its ability to attract, retain and promote women, who represent a skilled and under-tapped resource." He added: "The focus of our annual conference ShaktiCon is advancing the leadership and professional development of women in the field of cybersecurity and showcase the next generation of offensive and defensive security technologies. ShaktiCon offers a platform for female researchers and hackers from around the world to close the skills gap with men and help fix the gender gap in cybersecurity."

A year after amalgamation: PNB 2.0 emerges stronger to play a greater role in nation-building

New Delhi : Indian banking industry witnessed the mega consolidation exercise on 01st April 2020, which reduced the number of Public Sector Banks from 19 to 12 at present. Erstwhile Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India were amalgamated with Punjab National Bank to

create one of the largest banking behemoths in the country with total business exceeding ₹18 lakh crores. PNB now has a wide presence across the country with its 10,800+ branches, 13,900+ ATMs and 12,300+ Business Correspondents with One lakh plus strong workforce.

With the first anniversary of the mega consolidation, PNB has completed the integration of business, people and technology to prepare the Bank to realize gains from the synergies of amalgamation. Commenting on the bank's significant progress since the amalgamation, Shri CH. S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao,

MD and CEO of PNB, said, "We have completed our technology integration in the record time by December 2020, to be able to focus on the business priorities from year 2021 onwards. We have also realigned various internal processes and revamped the organization structure to position the Bank as customer-centric and future-ready. Seamless integration and harmonization of products, processes, distribution channels, creation of specialized units and technology platform have benefited customers in terms of wider products offerings and better service experience."

Paytm achieves over 1.4 Billion transactions in March

New Delhi : India's leading digital financial services platform Paytm today announced that it has achieved over 1.4 billion monthly transactions in March, led by the massive growth in offline payments and financial services. With over 20 million merchant partners on board, the company maintains the highest market share in offline payments and continues to register 15% M-o-M growth. It is the only platform in the country that promotes all digital payments services including Paytm Wallet, UPI, Paytm Postpaid, cards & net-banking. Paytm is aiming to enable 50 million merchants with IoT-based payment devices including All-in-One QR, All-in-One POS, Android Smart POS, and Soundbox over the next few years.

Paytm which is on a mission to empower

businesses with digital payments & reconciliation services continues to lead with the highest market share in offline merchant payments with 15% M-o-M growth. It is aiming to equip 5 million businesses with Paytm Soundbox 2.0, Paytm All-in-One EDC devices as well as its newly launched innovative Paytm Smart POS for Android phones that transforms a smartphone into a device that accepts debit & credit card payments just like a normal card swiping machine.

The company empowers users with multiple services including Paytm Payments Bank, Paytm Payments Gateway, Paytm Payout, Paytm Money for democratizing wealth creation, Paytm Insurance, Paytm Postpaid, Paytm Credit Cards as well as utility

bill payments, offline merchant payments, content & gaming services.

Narendra Yadav, Vice President Paytm said, "Paytm is the only company that provides the widest range of options to both merchants and customers which has helped us to achieve over 1.4 billion monthly transactions. Consumers can pay from Paytm wallet, UPI, Paytm postpaid, credit or debit cards, and bank accounts. Similarly, merchants can accept payments into their wallet or in any bank account. Paytm has the widest network of merchants in the country with over 20 million merchants partners. We want to serve all spectrum of merchants, from street vendors to large retailers as we continue our efforts to enable them with IoT-based digital payments services."

Celebrate the festival of colors using McDowell's #YaariKeRang pack

Bhubaneswar: McDowell's No1 has launched a new limited-edition pack (LEP) to celebrate the festival of colors this year. This New No1 pack #YaariKeRang comes in beautiful golden and silver packaging with a dash of yellow, blue, and pink splashes, signifying the occasion in all glory. Just like colours, friendships have no boundaries, and this exciting pack is here to make rendezvous with your years a kaleidoscopic experience. Divyennudu, ShwetaTripathi and Vijay Varma, the years of the popular show Mirzapur, have come together to introduce an exciting way to celebrate the festival of colors with the help of technology. In a new enthralling branded video content, the stars show how the Limited-Edition pack enables Yaars to add colours to each other, express themselves and celebrate virtually. In the video, Divyennudu splashes colour on Vijay Varma by scanning the pack's QR code to begin the celebrations.

The LEP has a QR code that enables Yaars to add colours to each other and celebrate the festival while sharing it virtually with them on social media. McDowell's No1 has always been an enabler of strong bonds of friendship and has yet again brought Yaars together through music, colours and technology.

Amarpreet Singh Anand, Executive Vice President and Portfolio Head, Marketing, Diageo India, said, "At McDowell's No1, we believe in the power of deep friendships (Yaari). Our McDowell's team thought about an interesting digital intervention leveraging which you can still colour your friends & spread some fun & yaari. The team collaborated with the famous Mirzapur actors Divyennudu, ShwetaTripathi and Vijay Varma to build a more culturally relevant narrative."

Godrej Consumer Products expands its detergent portfolio with Godrej Ezee 2-in-1 liquid detergent + fabric conditioner for regular clothes

Mumbai : Godrej Consumer Products Limited (GCPL), a leading emerging markets company, announced the expansion of its detergent portfolio by launching Godrej Ezee 2-in-1 liquid detergent + fabric conditioner for regular clothes. Fragrance and has been a huge gap within the segment of liquid detergent users and consumers have to buy detergent and fabric conditioners separately leading to them spending more. With Godrej Ezee 2-in-1, the company offers dual benefits of detergent and fabric conditioner in a single product. New Ezee 2-in-1 Liquid Detergent + Fabric Conditioner gives fabrics a deep wash, and new like shine and softness with a refreshing fragrance, all in one step! This effective solution will reduce the cost of consumers by almost half when

compared to their current spends.

The Indian detergent market is pegged at INR ~215 cr. Over the last two years, the liquid detergent category has been growing exponentially at 27% CAGR as per AC Nielsen. The Godrej Ezee brand was launched in 1983 with a single focus of taking care of winter wear and woollens. With Ezee 2-in-1, the brand aspires to expand from being synonymous with woollens to cater to every type of clothing. Apart from deep cleaning and conditioning, the product also comes with a lasting fragrance that guarantees consumers a great experience. The product can be used for both machine and hand wash.

Speaking about this launch and expansion in the detergent category, Sunil Kataria, CEO - India & SAARC, Godrej Consumer Products Limited

(GCPL), said, "Godrej Ezee is already the most preferred brand by consumers for woollens. Building on this equity, we are expanding our detergent portfolio with a category redefining innovation in the form of Godrej Ezee 2-in-1 liquid detergent + fabric conditioner for regular clothes. With this launch, we intend to de-seasonalize our brand and foray into the regular clothes detergent category. Our offering is a first-of-its kind product in the category which combines two formats into one.

He further added, "Keeping intact the strength and colour of the fabric, it removes tough stains and leave no residue on clothes or in the machine. It ensures long-lasting fragrance with its encapsulated fragrance molecules. It is easy to use for both bucket as well as machine wash (front and top load).

Australia Defeat India By 9 Wickets, Qualify For WTC Final

Indore: Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head made a cakewalk of the 76-run chase as Australia defeated India by 9 wickets in the third Test of the four-match series. Ravichandran Ashwin struck early on Friday to dismiss Usman Khawaja, but India failed to maintain the pressure on the visitors. On Thursday, Nathan Lyon took eight wickets as Australia bundled India out for 163 runs, getting a 76-run target. Cheteshwar Pujara top-scored with 59, but Lyon's figures of 8 for 64 overshadowed the effort. In India's first innings, Lyon had scalped three wickets.

At the end of second day's of play in the ongoing third Test against Australia in Indore, India batter Cheteshwar Pujara said that the surface was difficult to bat on and one needs to trust their defence, get to the pitch of the ball and judge the

length early. Nathan Lyon's eight-wicket haul helped Australia skittle out India for 163 runs in the second inning, leaving the visitors just 76 runs away from a win in the third Test at the Holkar Cricket Stadium on Thursday.

"It is a tough pitch to bat on. It is not easy and you need to trust your defence, you need to make sure to get to the pitch of the ball and try to judge the length early," said Pujara after the end of the day's play. He said that though a target of 76 runs is not enough, there is still a chance to win for India and added that a right balance between attack and defence is needed on such pitches.

"I know it is not enough but still, there is a chance (to win). You need to do that on such pitches, if you keep defending then there is one ball which will bounce and hit your glove, you need to find the right balance



between attack and defence. Whenever I got a loose delivery I tried to put it away. When he (Lyon) bowled round the wicket, his line changed a bit, he was bowling middle and leg-stump line rather than on off-stump, I just wanted to rotate the strike," said the middle-order veteran.

"I wanted to hit it to

square leg but because of the slowness of the surface, it took the ball to leg slip. It was a brilliant catch by Smith. Bit disappointed, the way things were coming along.. a partnership with Axar, we could have gotten a few more. I am learning few more shots and if there is a situation or demand then you get

few quick runs, I have been working on that and I am confident that whenever it is needed I can play the (big) shot," concluded Pujara.

India could only bat for 60.3 overs in the second innings of the third Test, with Pujara waging a lone battle for the hosts before a rampant Nathan Lyon took eight wickets

for just 64 runs.

The hosts resumed their innings on 79/4 after Tea with Cheteshwar Pujara on 36* and Shreyas Iyer still to open his account, trailing by 9 runs.

India started the session positively with Iyer smashing a six while Pujara whipped the ball for a boundary off Matthew Kuhnemann in the second over after lunch.

Iyer took the attack to the Aussie bowlers, putting them under pressure with aggressive shots turning the momentum towards the host.

The right-hander clubbed Nathan Lyon for two consecutive boundaries and launched Kuhnemann for a thunderous six over mid-wicket and a boundary in the next over, bringing the Aussie bowlers under the pump.

Pujara and Iyer were flourishing in the third session but Steve Smith brought Mitchell Starc

into the attack after Kuhnemann leaked runs. The move worked wonders for the visitors as the pacer was able to get rid of Iyer. The right-hand batter played an aerial shot towards mid-wicket but Usman Khawaja pocketed a brilliant catch to draw curtains on the batter's innings.

Iyer played a quick-fire cameo of 26 from 27 balls, stitching a 35 run-stand with Pujara for the fifth wicket.

Srikanth Bharat followed cheaply adding just three runs to the total. Lyon bowled a peach to beat the batter's outside edge and hit the top of the off-stump dismissing him for 3(8).

Ravichandran Ashwin and Pujara did provide resilience to the visitor's rampant attack to stitch a 22-run-stand for the seventh wicket. India's crisis man Pujara brought up his

half-century, waging a lone battle against the Aussie bowlers, holding up one end. However, the wickets continued to fumble and Ashwin fell to Lyon for 16(28). The wicket brought up the spinner's fifer in the second inning, reducing India to 140/7.

A freak catch from Steve Smith saw the back of Pujara after a superb knock from the Saurashtra batter. The right-hander played a resilient knock of 59 runs.

It was one-way traffic from thereon as the hosts lost their last two wickets inside eight runs. The Aussie bowlers bundled out the hosts for 163 runs, needing 76 runs in the second innings for the victory.

Nathan Lyon registered his best figures in India scalping eight Indian batsmen and giving away just 64 runs.

Smith's catch to dismiss Pujara was 'a massive moment' - Lyon Sodhi, Duffy left out for Sri Lanka Tests

Indore: Be it the Pune Test back in 2017 when Australia beat India by 333 runs, the Bengaluru Test in the same series when the visitors gave the hosts a scare, or the one in Dharamsala where India sealed the 2017 series, it was Steven Smith heading the team and he had Nathan Lyon keeping the wickets ticker running constantly. Lyon was the joint-highest wicket-taker for Australia in that series, finishing with 19 scalps including a career-best 8 for 50 at the Chinnaswamy stadium. Lyon's earlier trip to India was in 2013, in a series that India won 4-0, but the offspinner managed to bag 15 wickets in three Tests and was the highest wicket-taker for his side. Fast forward to 2023 and it was an insipid start for the 35-year old who conceded 126 runs in Nagpur for a solitary wicket. He hit his stride

in the Delhi game with a fifer but it was in Indore in the second innings when the spring was well and truly back, as his 8 for 64 put Australia on track for a rare victory in India.

The experienced Lyon was the chief reason for the visiting side having to chase only 76 to win the third Test but Smith's captaincy, with Pat Cummins having travelled back to Australia for personal reasons, was also a key factor in Australia's ascendancy in the Test. Smith was a busy captain, competently using all his resources and never allowing the Indian batters to settle into any sort of rhythm. To add to it, he took a brilliant catch at leg-slip to end Cheteshwar Pujara's defiance that allowed Australia to limit India's second-innings total to just 163.

"I have obviously played a lot with Smithy



throughout my career, so we are very good mates on and off the field and are able to have some very good cricket conversations. He is one of the best batters in the world, especially over the last decade, the way his brain works with cricket tactics provides me with good conversations," said Lyon about his current captain before quickly adding that Cummins too led the team well in the past couple of games.

"But saying that, I thought Pat skippered the game really well last week. We had really

good plans under both of them and that's where Australian cricket is in good hands with one of the best bowlers in the world and one of the best batters in the world being our two leaders."

Coming to the catch, it was at a stage when Pujara and Axar Patel were starting to build a partnership, giving India hopes of setting something challenging for Australia. They had taken their side to 155/7 when Pujara tried to flick Lyon but ending up hitting the ball fine and Smith appeared wrong-footed for a moment but

he pulled off a stunning one-handed catch diving across to his right.

It was massive," said Lyon about the catch. "To be honest with you, and this is no disrespect to anyone else in the team, but I don't think anyone else is catching it. That's just me bowling from one end and looking up and seeing Steve Smith at slip or leg slip and having that confidence as a bowler. Yes, he has dropped a couple here and there, but I wouldn't trade him for anyone. It shows the quality of cricketer he is that we see at training the different methods he is coming up with to try and get better and try and improve. This is someone who has played 95 Test matches.

"Hats off to Smithy, he did all the work, I'm not surprised but it was a massive moment to finish off the day strongly," added Lyon.

New Delhi: For the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka, New Zealand have backed the same faces in the 13-man squad that delivered a 1-1 draw against England at home. Jacob Duffy and Ish Sodhi are the only ones to be left out.

Opener Devon Conway, who was down with a groin strain, and Matt Henry, who had some tightness in his back, both made it to the squad. Trent Boult continues to be unavailable after having opted out of the central contract while Kyle Jamieson is off to cater to his recurrent back injuries, needing surgery.

"We felt that the 13 that we have here is the right 13 to go forward," head coach Gary Stead said on Wednesday. "I think when you have a win like that (vs England in Wellington)... your confidence will improve."

Sri Lanka will play two Tests against New

Zealand and need to win both to stay in contention for a place in the WTC final. For things to go their way, they would need Australia to lose 4-0 in India.

Squad: Tim Southee (c), Tom Blundell (wk), Michael Bracewell, Devon Conway, Matt Henry, Tom Latham, Daryl Mitchell, Blair Tickner, Neil Wagner, Scott Kugeleijn, Henry Nicholls, Kane Williamson, Will Young New Zealand will play the UAE in a three-match T20I series in August, making a stop in the country on their way to the UK. The matches will be played on August, 17, 19 and 20, with the venues yet to be confirmed.

"It will be only the second time New Zealand has played the UAE in a full international, following the 1996 World Cup ODI between the two sides at Faisalabad, in Pakistan," NZC said in a release.

New Zealand Cricket chief executive David White said: "In terms of the global cricket family, it's important we keep helping each other, and growing the game on an international scale.

"NZC has a close relationship with the Emirates Cricket Board and our players are very familiar with the environment. I know the BLACKCAPS will be looking forward to testing themselves against a competitive UAE team."

Emirates Cricket Board General Secretary Mubashshir Usmani said: "This series will be a massive opportunity for our players, to not only compete against a top team but to also learn from some of the best players in the world. "We are fully committed to the growth and development of cricket in the UAE and we are thankful to New Zealand Cricket for their support."

CSK confident Stokes will be available for entire IPL season

Chennai: Chennai Super Kings are confident Ben Stokes will be available for the full season of the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL). As the franchise is starting its preparatory camp for the season on Friday (March 3), its CEO Kasi Viswanathan said they have no information contrary to the initial assurances about the full availability of the English players. "That is our understanding. Before the auction, the BCCI had conveyed to us that the English players will be available for the entire IPL," the Viswanathan told

Cricbuzz on Thursday. "We've not had any information that is contrary to the BCCI communication."

The CSK official's assertion comes amid reports of Stokes' injury and in the backdrop of conflicting signals from the player. The England red-ball captain had a knee injury that curtailed his movements in the just-concluded Test against New Zealand at Basin Reserve in Wellington a couple of days back and prior to the Test Stokes had committed to the England team by proclaiming that he would consider leaving the IPL stint early to be



in time for England's Test against Ireland. "Yes, I'll play. I'll be making sure that I give myself enough time to

get back and play that (Ireland) game," Stokes said last week indicating that he will be in London well in

time for the Ireland Test which starts at Lord's on June 1. The Test is immediately followed by the Ashes, the

biggest cricketing home fixture for the England team.

The Ireland Test is too close for the IPL dates, which run from March 31 to May 28 and should Chennai Super Kings qualify for the final, then there could be a case of conflicting schedule if not an overlap. In that case, all parties, including the franchise, the player, the BCCI and the England board, will have to come to a common ground on Stokes, for whom the CSK management shelled out Rs 16.25 crore at the auction. An England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB)

official brushed aside fears of injury to Stokes and indicated that the English captain will try to negotiate with the franchise so that everyone's interests are protected. "He'll manage with his franchise but no date is fixed for his return from the IPL," the ECB official said while it is learnt from the franchise sources that Stokes had spoken to Stephen Fleming, the coach of CSK, during the Test series in New Zealand. Meanwhile, CSK will start their preparatory camp at the Chepauk Stadium on Friday with most players,

including skipper MS Dhoni, attending. Two of their key players, Deepak Chahar and Rituraj Gaikwad, who are currently at the NCA in Bengaluru, will join the camp a week later.

The camp will also provide an opportunity for the franchise to discuss replacement of Kyle Jamieson. Viswanathan said he will speak to skipper Dhoni and coach Fleming about replacement for the New Zealand pacer, who has been ruled out of the season because of an injury. Jamieson was bought for Rs 1 crore at the auction.